

13 MAR 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant to the Director  
for Planning and Coordination

THROUGH: Deputy Director/Intelligence *RAH*

SUBJECT: ORR Participation in Symmetric Analysis

REFERENCE: Memorandum from SA/PC/DCI to AD/NE and AD/RR,  
dated 27 January 1956

1. Paragraph 3 of the referenced memorandum requested information on any consultations or arrangements between the Department of Defense and our two Offices relative to the recommendation A.9 of the Killian Report. This recommendation refers to the desirability of developing a comprehensive comparison of U.S. and USSR Bravo, Romeo, and Delta targets systems.

2. Some time ago, it appeared that the Weapons Systems Evaluation Group would take the leading role in the development of symmetric analysis. In a memorandum, dated 10 June 1955, the Director of WSEG invited ORR participation. ORR advised that it would be pleased to consult with WSEG and to contribute as appropriate within its capabilities. However, by JCS decision in January of this year, the forward schedule of research to be carried out by WSEG does not include any requirement for symmetric analysis.

3. The RAND Corporation has developed a Soviet economic model partially based on ORR studies, which could be the basis for development of various theoretical Delta target systems. RAND has turned this model over to the Air Targets Division, AFOIN-3. This Office has close working relationships with the Council for Economic and Industry Research, an Air Force contract group which hopes to develop the basic data for symmetric analysis within a few years.

4. Because of the opposition of Admiral Radford (See his comments on NSC 55-11.) it is doubtful that symmetric analysis will become a reality in the near future. There is a real

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question as to the value of putting the money and effort into developing extremely detailed models of various economies at a time when weapons capabilities are increasing so rapidly. It may be that sufficiently accurate answers can be obtained by less arduous means.

5. In any event, this Office will continue to feed the results of its studies on the Soviet economy to the Air Force so that such data can be incorporated in whatever models may be developed. We shall, of course, advise you of any significant new developments.

6. We consulted with appropriate officers of ONE on the subject of this memorandum prior to its preparation.

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